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SUBJECT: MINOR GOC CABINET RESHUFFLE SETS STAGE FOR PM TO
REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON HIS GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE

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"POWER MINISTERS" UNCHANGED

[1](#)1. (SBU) President Deby and his PM affected a relatively minor shuffle to the cabinet 3/23, which left unchanged the leadership in all critical "power" ministries, including Defense, Foreign Affairs, Interior, Infrastructure, Education, Finance, Justice and others. All four of the former opposition party leaders brought into government last year to head the Defense, Justice, Agriculture, and Urbanization/Land Use ministries remain in place.

IMPORTANT CHANGES

[1](#)2. (SBU) Of some practical significance was the replacement of energetic and effective Health Minister Djona by a Deby confidant, FN Djaibe, formerly the President's personal physician and Secretary General of the Presidency since 2007, as a reward for faithful service. The Transport Ministry was folded into Infrastructure, enhancing Minister Younousmi's already formidable power. The Energy Ministry was folded into the Petroleum Ministry, increasing Minister Mahamat Nasser Hassane's influence in this sector. Deby loyalist and former Defence Minister Mahamat Ali Abdallah Nassour moved laterally from Livestock to Mines and Geology.

SETTING THE STAGE

[1](#)3. (SBU) Although this shuffle raised the number of ministers to 41 from 38, saw seven ministers dismissed and ten others elevated to ministrerial rank, its political impact likely is not great. It does, however, set the stage for the PM's scheduled appearance before Parliament at the end of March to present a "balance sheet" on his government's performance and accomplishments since it was installed last (Ref B).

THE NEW CABINET

14. (SBU) The new Cabinet consists of:

Minister of Defense: Kamougue Wadal Abdelkader
Minister of Foreign Affairs: Moussa Fake Mahamat
Minister of Justice: Jean Bawoyeu Alingue
Minister of Infrastructure and Transport: Adoum Younousmi
Minister of Interior and Public Security: Ahamat Mahamat Bachir
Minister of Communication and Government Spokesman: Mahamat Hissene
Minister of the Environment, Water, and Aquatic Resources: Ali Souleymane Dabye
Minister of Finance and Budget: Gata Ngoulou
Minister of the Economy and Economic Cooperation: Ousmane Matar Brema
Minister of Agriculture: Naimbaye Lossimian Mbailaou
Minister of National Education: Abderama Koko
Minister of Public Health: Dr. Ngombaye Djaibe
Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research: Ahmad Taboye
Minister of Livestock: Mahamat Bechir Okormi
Minister of Oil and Energy: Mahamat Nasser Hassane
Minister of Mines and Geology: Mahamat Ali Abdallah
Minister of Zoning, Urban Planning and Housing: Hamid Mahamat Dahalob
Minister of Post, Information Technology, and Communication: Pahimi Padacke Albert
Minister of Social Action, Solidarity, and the Family: Ngarmbatina Carmel Soukate
Deputy Minister of Human Rights and Freedom: Abderaman Djasnabaille

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Minister of Public Utilities and Works: Fatime Tchombi
Minister of Commerce and Industry: Mahamat Ali Hassan
Deputy Minister of State Control and Moralization: Ahmdaye Alhassan
Minister of Culture, Youth, and Sports: Djibert Younous
Minister of Tourism Development and Handcraft: Ahmat Barkai Animi
Deputy Minister of Microfinance and Poverty Reduction: Fatime Issa Ramadan
Minister of Town and Rural Hydropower: Tahar Sougoudi
Minister in Charge of Decentralization: Emmanuel Nadingar
Minister in Charge of Relations with the National Assembly: Limane Mahamat
Secretary of State for Defense, in charge of Veterans and War Victims: Hassan Saleh Algamad Aldjineidi
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in charge of African Intergration: Djidda Moussa Outman
Secretary of State for Infrastructure, in charge of Transport: Hassan Terap
Secretary of State for Interior, in charge of Public Security: Mahamat Bechir Cherif Daoussa
Secretary of State for Finance, in charge of the Budget: Oumar Boukar Gana
Secretary of State for Agriculture, in charge of Food Safety: Mahamat Mamadou Addy
Secretary of State for Health, in charge of Sanitation: Mahadie Outhman Issa
Secretary of State for National Education, in charge of Primary Education: Khadidja Hassaballah
Secretary of State for Higher Education, in charge of Vocational Training: N'golona Goundoul
Secretary of State for Zoning, Urban Planning and Housing, in charge of Zoning: Adoum Diar
Secretary of State for Social Action, in charge of Solidarity: Mahamat Adoum Idriss
Deputy Secretary General of the Government, in charge of Relations with the National Assembly: Brahim Mahamat Abdoulaye

15. (U) Tripoli minimize considered.
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